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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a tubular, single or multi-layered polyamide and/or copolyamide-based food casing and/or including a polyamide and/or copolyamide-based inner layer. The water-vapour permeability of the casing is less than  $30 \text{ g/m}^2 \text{ d}$ . The surface tension of the inner side is greater than  $28 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$ , preferably  $35 - 45 \text{ dyne/cm}^2$ . The inside of the casing is impregnated with liquid smoke without the addition of a browning agent and the liquid smoke is practically totally absorbed by the casing. The casing is particularly useful as synthetic sausage skin, particularly for browning, cooking or roasting.